No. 3141

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FILES.

WRITER.

Clements, Jno. T.

Residence 638. N. Y. Ave:

Date Feb 23. 1884.

Rec'd

Ack'g'd

Answered

SUBJECT.

An Ld painting for sale.

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Recd & Ackd Feb. 25.

OFFICE

# Correspondents' Union and Statistical Bureau,

No. 629 F Street, Northwest,

A. W. CROSSLEY, President.
JOHN T. CLEMENTS, Secretary.

Washington, D. C., Feby 23 1884

D. McLeod, Esq,
My Dear Sir:

You will probably remember me, as at one time in charge of the old Subsistence Division of the 3d Auditor's Office. Friends of mine in New York write me relative to a remarkably old painting of which they have the sale. The painting belongs really to the daughter of the King of Bavaria, who is compelled to sell it. My friends have the agency for the sale and have written me asking if the Corcoran Art Gallery would not like to own it, or if there is not some lover of old paintings here who would likely buy it. I of course know nothing of such matters, but have several times promised myself to call and ask your judgement about the matter. I enclose a description of the painting and would be pleased to have your judgement as to the probabilities of a sale here or as

& your opinion is to persons who would like buy so rare, valuable and almost, I should, priceless a painting. If you can advise me it will be a great favor. I have very little time to spare having to look after correspondence to over 200 papers. Any information that will lead to a disposition of the matter will be appreciated and suitably remembered —

Very respectfully

Jno. F. Clements

638 N. Y. Ave —

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CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FILES.

WRITER.

Bispham Mrs Minnie

Residence New York. 105 W. 55th St.

Date

Rec'd Feb 23. 1884.

Ack'g'd Mch 4 "

Answered

SUBJECT.

About the purchase of the painting by her husband.

Encloses Newspaper slips.

Slips returned to Mrs B. March 6/84.

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New York
105 West 55th st
20th Feb.
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To the Trustees of the
Corcoran Art Gallery
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor
to address you thereby
hoping to call your
attention to the picture
by H. C. Bisphame, entitled
"La Vallée du Var"-
which you have lately
accepted for Exhibition
in the Gallery you so
honorably represent.
This picture is for
sale and has been

appraised at a valuation of not less than $5.000.

It is the only picture of any importance left by the late artist unsold.

This picture was well mentioned and well placed in the "Salon" of Paris during the Spring Exhibition of 1881.

The artist was a pupil of Van Marcke the best cattle painter in Paris - and he criticised the picture most favorably and always spoke of Mr Bispham as being "his first and best pupil"

The following article appeared in last Sundays Tribune

The best remaining painting of the late Henry C. Bispham, "Cattle in the South of France," has been put in the Corcoran Art Gallery.

I also enclose a few short notices that appeared in several journals during the Spring of 1881 -

I also enclose several obituary notices that appeared in several American Journals last winter immediately after Mr Bispham's death — I take the liberty of placing before You these few points hoping they may be of sufficient importance to call Your attention to the merits of the picture which is now on exhibition in Your Gallery =

Respectfully
Minnie Bispham
(widow)

No. 3143

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FILES.

WRITER.

Barber J. Jay

Residence Columbus Ohio

Date Feb: 22. 1884.

Rec'd " 24. "

Ack'g'd " 27 "

Answered

SUBJECT.

About Express charges on picture.

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Rec'd Feb. 24
Answ " 27

Columbus O. Feby 22d/84

Wm MacLeod Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor just rec'd and contents noted. I was much surprised and annoyed to learn by the inclosed receipt that you had been obliged to pay Express charges because I prepaid the charges, of course, and have this rec'pt therefor. I took your letter and inclosure up to the Express Office and the Agent seemed as much surprised as I, and asked me to leave the papers with him for a day or two in order that he might direct the Agt in Washington to refund the charges to you. He is to let me know Monday, when, if there is to be any delay or trouble to you I will send you the amount from here.

I hope you will bear with the delay a little while. I find it is always easier to get these things straightened up at this time than afterward.

I am much gratified to know that my picture has met with so favorable a reception at the hands of the committee and especially do I appreciate your kindness in giving it a place on the line. I am very much obliged to you indeed. I think you will find it to be a picture which grows upon you the longer you look at it. (Rather an ungrammatical sentence but a common saying and one which expresses the idea) - I will write you again as soon as I hear from the R.R. Co.

Yours Respy
Jay F. Barber.

No. 3144

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FILES.

WRITER.

Von Stillern, Bertha,

Residence Philadelphia.

Date Feb 23. 1884.

Rec'd " 25 "

Ack'g'd " 25 "

Answered

SUBJECT.

About pictures she wishes to exhibit.

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THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL
J.E. KINGSLEY & CO.
PHILA.

Reed Feb 25

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Feb. 23rd 1884

My dear Mr. McLeod,

Our Boston Exhibition is over and has been a fine success; the present one at Phila. seems to promise to be even a better one; it terminates on Sat. March 1st and then we wish to send the pictures on to you, to select from them, those you may care to show at the Corcoran Gallery. Of those sold we have been able to obtain the loan of the most important ones, and we shall, of course, be glad to have you find wall-space for all you possibly can: We found two of the gentlemen of the Committee whose addresses you kindly wrote for us, and both Mr. Kauffman & Mr. Clark told us, "when the time came to write and they would attend to it." but we have forgotten just how you told us

to do; shall we send the letter to <u>each</u> of the Committee?, or to <u>one</u> only? or to you,? to be laid before the meeting? We depend on you, dear Mr. McLeod to know how to do — will you kindly inform us as soon as possible, that we may ship you the pictures as soon as our Exhibition here is over — on the 3rd or 4th of March they could start, and we of course understand that we are to pay all expenses of transportation; Mr. Corcoran also explains to us that the pictures cannot be "for sale" at the Gallery, which we do not desire: in fact the greater part are sold already. Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience,

Respectfully

Maria J. C. Beckett
Bertha von Hillern

No. 3145

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FILES.

WRITER.

Siebert Ed:

Residence N. Y.

Date Feb. 23. 1884

Rec'd " 25 "

Ack'g'd

Answered

SUBJECT.

About the pictures
he wishes to exhibit.

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Rec'd & Acked Febr 16

# Office of Hoyt & Siebert,

74 University Place,

SOLAR PRINTING
BY THE
PLATINOTYPE PROCESS.

New York, 14 Febrw 1884

Dear Sir

I am very much obliged for your kind offer, and will send № I 30 x 34" includin Frame Cavalier of the 17th Century.

№ II 24½ x 29" includ Frame. Interior of a Convent on the Porch of a Wine Cellar.

The exhibition of the Corcoran Art Club commences ~~is~~ on the 20 Februr and will last 3 Days, so that they will arrive at the Corcoran Art Gallery on the 24th Februr.

I remain respectfully

Yours truly

Ed. Siebert

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Office of **HOYT & SIEBERT,**

74 UNIVERSITY PLACE.

SOLAR PRINTING
BY THE
PLATINOTYPE PROCESS.

Recd Feb. 25

New York, 23 Febru 1884.

Dear Sir:

The Corcoran Art Club gives me the information, that their exhibition will be held now on the 5th March, to close on 8th ". Mr. Forsberg will attend to the pictures.

I remain with my best regards

Yours truly

Ed. Siebert.

No. 3146

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FILES.

WRITER.

Knight Jno F.

*Residence*

*Date*

*Rec'd* Feb. 27. 1884,

*Ack'g'd*

*Answered*

SUBJECT.

Order to deliver the Intaglio of D^r C. H. Hagestown to M^r Barlow,

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To The Curator
Corcoran Art Gallery
Washington D. C.

FROM
THOMAS T. KNIGHT,
FINE ART GALLERY,
OIL PAINTINGS, FINE ENGRAVINGS,
ARTIST MATERIALS, FANCY GOODS, &c.
334 FULTON STREET.

BROOKLYN, July 21 1884

Please deliver to H. W. Barlow the Intaglio of Memory & Hope sent to the Gallery by M. C. L. Hazelbaum

Obliged
Thos. T. Knight
" "

No. 3147

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FILES.

WRITER.

Hogeboom Chs L.

Residence Jamaica.

Date Feb 25. 1884.

Rec'd " 27 "

Ack'g'd " 27 "

Answered

SUBJECT.

Encloses $1.05. Express bill.

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Reed Acked Feb. 27

Jamaica Feb 25/84.

Wm. MacLeod Esq.

Dear Sir,

I herewith send you the amt of Express bill $1.05 hop you will pardon the delay. I suppose that Mr. Benbow has ere now taken the intruder away. Thanking you for your potatoes I am

Ever truly yours

Chas. L. Hogeboom

No. 3148

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FILES.

WRITER.

Justice J. M.

Residence Logansport Ind:

Date Feb. 23. 1884.

Rec'd " 28 "

Ack'g'd " 28 "

Answered

SUBJECT.

Offers painting of Abraham Lincoln splitting rails.

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J. M. JUSTICE,
Attorney at Law,

Let the Com. search & if declined as I suppose, please write me further

Recd Feb. 28.
Ackd " "

Logansport, Ind., Feb 23rd 1884

Hon W. W Corcoran
Dear Sir

Having once visited your very Extensive Gallery of Collections, I drop you this note to learn if you would like to add to your aquisitions a Life Size Painting of Abraham Lincoln

I am in possession of an Oil painting representing Lincoln Splitting Rails. The picture is most remarkable for the face and thoughtful Expression it bears It has painted in 1860, and is the only one in the World, of the kind

It had been abused considerably before I purchased it - but at the distance of 30 feet it is a very Striking picture, and would attract as much attention as any thing in your Gallery

Price $2500 If this is worthy of

Your attention I would be glad to
hear from you Capt McKee
in the Adjutant Room of Senate is
with the Sanitary and Cmsd of you
desire give you an impartial description
of the Wk Respect I am

Truly Yours

J. M. Justice
Bk 1063
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No. 3149,

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FILES.

WRITER.

David S. Z.

Residence

Date Feb. 27, 1884

Rec'd " 28 "

Ack'g'd " 28 "

Answered

SUBJECT.

About the deposit of a bust in the Gallery.

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Rec'd Feb. 28.

# Smithsonian Institution

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Washington, D.C., Feby 27, 1884

Dear Dr. MacLeod:

Mr. Stevens has a very fine bust of his father-in-law, Gen. E. D. Baker, of Balls Bluff fame, made by Dr. Stone; which he wishes to leave on deposit in some suitable place during the period of his absence as United States Consul at Victoria, British Columbia.

He asks me to ascertain whether the Corcoran Art Gallery will receive it.

What shall I tell him?

Yours truly,

S F Baird

Dr. William MacLeod,
Curator, Corcoran Gallery of Art,
Washington, D.C.

No. 3150,

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART FILES.

WRITER.

Murphy, Chas R.

Residence Phila

Date Feb 28. 1884.

Rec'd " 29 "

Ack'g'd " 29 "

Answered

SUBJECT.

Asks to have the Hamilton picture marked for sale on the Catalogue.

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Recd Feb. 29.
Rel'd " "

2121 Arch St.
Philada, Feby 28, 84

Dear Sir:

As the "Art Committee of the Cercan Gallery" are not disposed to purchase my "Hamilton", I shall be obliged if you will have it marked for sale in your catalogue.

Should you receive any inquiries I hope you will promptly advise me, and I remain,

Yours truly
Chas. F. Murphy

Wm. MacLeod Esq.
Washington D.C.